Exploring the Return-development Nexus

Case studies

Pilot Return to Angola

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- Financial incentive to stimulate voluntary return and reintegration
- Programmes on reintegration support in kind
- Programmes for specific groups (minors)
- Several programmes on temporary return
Return to Angola
a future back home - case

- Assumption: economic independence → sustainable reintegration and personal development
- Coaches offer tailor made support
- Cooperation in the asylum chain
- Local support centre
Lesson 1:

A failed asylum seeker needs to be convinced that return is unavoidable before any support is given.
Lesson 2:

Limiting access to education and work during the asylum procedure reduces the economic prospects of returnees and thereby also the number of volunteers for return.
Lesson 3:

Individual supervision, planning and budget management are more effective and efficient if they are conducted in the country of origin.
# Recommendations

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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<td><strong>What</strong></td>
<td>Empower asylum seekers aimed at personal development</td>
<td>Support ex-asylum seekers with practical aspects on return</td>
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<td><strong>How</strong></td>
<td>Invest in asylum seekers by offering them access to schooling, work and internships</td>
<td>- Realistic information on the situation, opportunities and support in the country of origin - Primary care on departure</td>
<td>- Primary care on return - Support towards schooling, work and entrepreneurship - Psychosocial care - Flexible budget use</td>
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<td><strong>Condition</strong></td>
<td>Central, independent coordination</td>
<td>Cooperation between local and European partners</td>
<td>- Transparent offer - Clear framework regarding available means and support</td>
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